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YOU'RE INVITED TO "TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING"

Off-Broadway's interactive comedy hit returns for limited engagement around Valentine's Day

FORT LAUDERDALE – Just in time for Valentine's Day, *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* returns to the Abdo New River Room at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Thursday, February 12 – Sunday, February 22. In this worldwide hit, Tony and Tina have walked down the aisle more than 3,300 times, in front of more than 500,000 guests and continue to make every wedding a one-of-a-kind event, filled with great music, laughter, food and love.

Tony and Tina, along with their colorful and madcap Italian-American families, tie the knot as audiences join in the wild and wacky wedding reception enjoying an Italian dinner, drinking champagne, eating wedding cake and dancing with the wedding party.

The best man is a drug dealer, the maid of honor is pregnant, the groom's father just showed up with a stripper as his date and the wedding guests, well, they could be just about anyone. By blurring the line between fantasy and reality, the show works its magic and draws the audience into eating, drinking, dancing and conversing just as they would at a real wedding. Participants experience the surprises and drama as they are caught up in the celebration partying along with the rest of Tony and Tina's family and friends as if they've known them for years.

In the Abdo New River Room's newly designed cabaret-style space, guests will be seated at tables with the cast seated throughout the room. The theater's small plate menu will be replaced by an Italian dinner for the wedding reception.

Called "One of the most successful and imaginative hits in history," by the *New York Daily News*, *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* opened originally in 1988 Off-Broadway and became the longest running Off-Broadway comedy. Revived in New York City as recently as last year, the interactive hit has won over the hearts of thousands of people with extended runs and worldwide success in more than 100 cities across the U.S., Europe, Japan and Australia.

Performances are Thursday, February 12 through Sunday, February 22 with shows Thursday through Friday at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1 and 6 p.m.

This production contains adult language and subject matter. Tickets to the interactive comedy are \$65 and include dinner, champagne toast and wedding cake.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or, Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

2014-15 Abdo New River Room Theater Series concludes with the Tony Award-winning *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* produced by Slow Burn Theatre Company February 26 – April 19.

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CALENDAR BRIEF: The audience takes part in the show while enjoying an Italian dinner, drinking champagne, eating wedding cake and dancing with the wedding party when ***Tony n' Tina's Wedding*** returns to the Abdo New River Room at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. In the Off-Broadway hit, the best man is a drug dealer, the maid of honor is pregnant, the groom's father just showed up with a stripper as his date and the wedding guests, well, they could be just about anyone. Performances are Thursday, February 12 through Sunday, February 22 with shows Thursday through Friday at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1 and 6 p.m. This production contains adult language and subject matter. Tickets to the interactive comedy are \$65 and include dinner, champagne toast and wedding cake. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.